



Raumati Beach School Fundraising – Term 4

The Board of Trustees (BOT) sees aligning fundraising with school priorities as key to making Raumati Beach School the best that it can be for our children. It is for this reason that the BOT has been, and will continue too, coordinate **all** school fundraising activities.

So far, this year, we have raised \$34,980.

This includes a significant grant of \$15,000 from the Pelorus Trust.

The Westfield Fun run raised around \$3,400 for the school.

The Golf day raised over \$7,500.

There have been numerous other events which have all contributed to this total, and there are more events planned for this term – read on...

To **all** those, who have contributed to organizing fundraising for the school, THANK YOU. The BOT really appreciates the work and dedication you have shown towards the school. Thank you, also, to the community for supporting the events.

The range of events is diverse, and most include building the Community Spirit, which many have commented needs work, but there remains quite a negativity in the community. So to comment: Not all events suit everybody, some are opposed to some ideas or approaches, nor are all the events everyone's "cup of tea", however, the BOT **will** continue to support any good ideas, and the hard work that the volunteers put into making an event happen. You will see some of these events again next year.

I welcome your suggestions – we are, after all, doing this for your children.

What Are We Fundraising For?

“To Provide an Optimal Physical Environment that Enhances Learning”

The vision for the school is to have a total learning environment both inside and out. While the MoE provides funding for the classrooms and for maintenance, it does not provide enough funds for improving the outdoor environment – that is left to the community.

The proceeds of **all** fundraising activities at Raumati Beach School go towards these goals.

Major Goal

First, the Interior Quad redevelopment

This will see an outdoor stage constructed behind the Junior Block. Having this would allow outdoor performances to take place, such as Kapa Haka, outdoor music concerts and drama etc.

Work on building this will begin this term!

Then, the Backfield development

Our field is in very poor condition. It lacks good drainage, has no irrigation and limited grass cover.

The back field development has three stages:

1. New Netball / Tennis Court located behind the existing court.
2. New Rugby and Soccer field.
3. Hockey Turf (Netball Court size) Running East- West next to Kapiti College.

We know these are BIG goals, and will need a lot of money, and it will take more than a year to achieve, but we believe that this will make a **fantastic** contribution to the learning experience of our children! And we can achieve them!

Smaller Goals

There are a number of smaller items needed through out the school (expansion of playgrounds, sun shades, sports equipment, are a few examples).

To fund these, for every \$1 raised by the school community, 80c will go towards the major goal above, and 20c will go towards smaller goals. (Grants go 100% to the Major goal – so, the \$15,000 from Pelorus Trust is not included in the smaller goals fund.)

A ballot, with input from the community, will determine what this money will be spent on.

Ballot for the Smaller Goals

Currently there is \$5,330 in the “smaller goals” fund. The BOT want you – the community – to suggest items we can buy with this money.

- Go to www.raumatibeach.school.nz and click on “Fundraising”
- Fill in the “Smaller Goals Ballot” form.
- The ballot is open now and will close on 29 October.
- You must be a Parent or Caregiver of a child at RBS currently, or an RBS Staff member.
- This is the only means to get your ideas into the ballot.
- When closed, we will randomly draw from the ballot, items to purchase from the fund. The BOT reserves the right to “veto” inappropriate items.
- We will continue this random drawing until all the money is spent.

Events for the rest of 2010

1. **RBS Super Christmas Raffle:** \$2/ticket, one winner, 5000 Tickets.
2. **Lifepac NZ Survival Kits:** a range of survival kits to choose from. We’re all had the warnings, tsunami alerts, earthquakes – perfect opportunity to get ready NOW. See the attached notice.
3. **Kaptivate Adventures Fun Activity Day:** a full day out, white water rafting, high rope climbing and BBQ. Sunday 28 November. Limited space and for all 10 years and over. More details next week.
4. **Christmas Market:** building on last years fantastic evening, the market is back on 3 December.

OK – Parents and Caregivers – get out there, help out and support these initiatives – grow the school with these fantastic opportunities and make our school great.

I look forward to the remainder of the year, and receiving your questions, comments or thoughts to me at rbs.fundraising@gmail.com

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